

Where Does Denver Get Its Water?

The South Platte collection system combines water from high mountain regions on the east slope of the Rocky Mountains with water diverted from Summit County and the Dillon collection system on the west slope of the Continental Divide. The Moffat collection system spans both sides of the Continental Divide, with the majority of it being located in Grand County on the west slope. Raw water from the Moffat collection system is sent through the Moffat Tunnel to facilities northwest of Denver for storage and treatment. Both sources provide high quality water, but their chemical characteristics are quite different and the source water mineral concentration varies seasonally with the amount of flow. In general, the water in the South Platte system is moderately hard and the water in the Moffat system is soft.

